

Developmental Disabilities Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Dover Downs, Dover, DE
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Monaghan (Chairperson), Maitri Campbell, Alex Eldreth, Alvin Emory, Jr., Karen Gallagher, Laura Greene, Terri Hancharick, Michael Harris, Brian Hartman, Esq., Katie Howe, Nancy Lemus, Karen McGloughlin, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Carrie Melchisky, Angela Mitchell, Joseph Merritt, Jr., Beth Mineo, Sue Ellen Powell, Shawn Rohe, Steve Tull, Steven Yeatman

Members Absent: Carol Barnett, Angela Ehst, Diann Jones, Rick Kosmalski, HarrietAnn Litwin, Katie Macklin, Debra McCann, Jill Scannell, Steve Slotkin

Staff: Pat Maichle, Kristin Cosden, Stefanie Lancaster, Emmanuel Jenkins

Guests: William Monaghan, Jr., Leslie Hailey, Lanny Edelsohn, Thomas Cook, William Powell, Victoria Counihan

I. Call to Order – Barbara Monaghan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – Brian Hartman made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Katie Howe seconded. The minutes were approved by Council.

III. Approval of Agenda – Brian Hartman made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Katie Howe seconded. The agenda was approved by Council.

IV. 5 Minute Public Comment Period – There was no public comment at this time.

V. Chair's Report – Barbara Monaghan reported that she is starting a self-advocacy group for individuals who have survived cancer. With this group, she is hoping to help doctors to better understand people with disabilities and better care for them. Barbara then asked everyone to complete their ballot for the election of officers for 2017. Barbara stated that the ballots would be collected and those chosen will be announced during the membership report.

VI. Staff Report – Pat reported:

- Pat received an invitation from the Wilmington Senior Center regarding an upcoming event where they will be honoring Rita Landgraf with a Lifetime Achievement award. This event will be held on October 19th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kalmar Nyckle.
- Kyle Hodges with the State Council for Persons with Disabilities will be retiring in January. The Council will miss him greatly as he has been a great partner with us

working with and for people with disabilities. Until his position is filled, Jamie Wolfe and Daniese McMullen-Powell will help manage things with this Council. Pat feels as though the DD Council should plan something for Kyle's retirement. Once arrangements have been decided, information will be shared with the Council.

- The Disabilities Law Program has sent out their list of new priorities for the upcoming year. If anyone has any comments on the priorities, please let Brian Hartman know. Pat will write a letter for the DDC's support by the end of the month.
- The Delaware Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Conference will be held at Dover Downs on October 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Council is sponsoring this conference again as we have done in years past. If you would like to attend, please let Stefanie know so that she can register you.
- There will be a Community Integration Training (CIT) class in October at the Delaware Fire School. Barbara and Bill Monaghan will be presenting to this class. This is first time they have presented to this group.
- The Hagley Museum is hosting a History of Disabilities Conference that will be held on October 28th. Only a few members have signed up to attend. If you are interested please let Council staff know and we will register you.
- Pat was invited to meet with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health's Director, Michael Barbieri. Michael is in the planning stages of developing a training for therapists to offer education for clinical therapy for people with disabilities. Pat will be working with Michael to see what the DDC can do to support this new training.
- Pat, Barbara Monaghan, Bill Monaghan, and Katie Macklin recently met with the University of Delaware's Health Care Workforce group regarding underserved and unserved populations. This meeting was to understand our angle on access to treatment and training for clinicians. We will continue this discussion. Pat stated that information on the new curriculum was included in the Council members' information packets. This will be a two year process to develop a curriculum.
- Kristin Cosden reported that Pat and she, as well as some members of Council recently attended the Reinventing Quality Conference in Maryland. While there, they met Bob Williams with Department of Health and Human Services who we would like to invite to speak at the November meeting.
- Emmanuel Jenkins reported that the DDC's Facebook page is currently at 783 likes which is up 29 likes since July. Emmanuel asked Council members who have not yet liked or shared the page with their friends, to please do so. Council's goal is to reach 1,000 page likes for Facebook by the end of the year. Hashtags currently being used are #LifeConference2017 and #DelawareVote. Twitter followers are now at 193. The amount of followers in July was only at 67. Emmanuel also stated that at the Reinventing Conference, he learned some new things regarding searching apps on your mobile device that can help people with disabilities in the community. This app can be searched based upon topics such as Autism, Down Syndrome, etc. This tool allows for accommodations

such as images and sound. This app is called Tools for Life, and it was developed by Georgia Tech. Emmanuel asked Council to please take a look at the app as some time in the near future.

VII. Financial Report

1. Financial Advisory Committee Report – Recommendations for 2017 Budget – Steve Tull reported that a copy of the report was distributed in the Council member’s packet of information. Steve said that Stefanie does great job with the financial report. Steve asked that if anyone has any questions or concerns, to please speak up so that Council can address it at this time. The approved committee funding allotment recommendations from the Financial Advisory Committee were also provided to members. This report shows the committee funding allotment percentages as follows: Adult Issues – 35%, Children & Families – 31%, Policy & Law – 20%, Council staff – 7% and Partners Oversight – 7%. An explanation of how that breakdown was determined was also provided. In addition, it is recommended to approve the following funding for the following projects: 2017 LIFE Conference - \$10,500; Junior Partners in Policymaking - \$5,561.99; Council Travel - \$5,000; Annual report - \$500; Self-Advocacy Support - \$5,000; and Public Policy Manager - \$12,000. After discussion, these recommendations were approved by Council.

VIII. Current Business

1. Legislative Update – Pat stated that a copy of the 148th General Assembly Legislation Update document was provided to each Council member in their packets. This list provides details of all the bills that the DDC has monitored, given testimony for, etc. during this last legislative session. A new list will begin in January, 2017 with new legislative session. The status of each of the bills are listed throughout the Legislation update report. Pat attended the bill signing for Senate Bill 93 relating to creating an interagency committee on autism and the Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism on September 14th. Recently, House Bill 404 – the “Concussion Bill”- was signed by the Governor. Not all of the bills the DDC was following/supporting were passed. Council expressed their gratitude to Brian Hartman for all his hard work in reviewing and providing feedback on many of the bills.

2. Self-Advocacy Organization Update – Bill Monaghan reported that the Delaware People First organization has had 8 new members join for a total of 21 members.

3. Strategic Planning – New 5 Year State Plan for DE – A copy of the report that was submitted to our federal granting agency was provided to each member. This report was submitted on time even though Kristin Cosden endured several obstacles with the new online reporting tool. Thank you, Kristin.

4. Reinventing Quality Conference Report – This was talked about previously within the agenda.

IX. Committee Reports

- **Membership**

1. Election of Officers – Ballot – After all the members completed their ballot, Karen McGloughlin reported that the following members were elected for the 2017 calendar year.

- * Chairperson- Barbara Monaghan
- * Vice Chairperson – Steve Slotkin
- * Members At Large – Brian Hartman, Esq.
Daniese McMullin-Powell
- * Adult Issues - Terri Hancharick
- * Children and Families – Alex Eldreth
- * Policy and Law - Rick Kosmalski
- * Partners Oversight - Karen Gallagher
- * Membership – Karen McGloughlin
- * Financial – Carol Barnett
- * Consumer Caucus – Joseph Merritt

2. Thanks to Steve Tull – Karen McGloughlin and Pat Maichle presented Steve with a plaque showing the Council’s appreciation for his 12 years of service to the disability community. Pat also gave Steve a gift from her and her family.

3. Report on New Members Appointments/Resignations –

Karen reported that the following have left the Council:

- Steve Tull – rotating off after serving 12 years
- Larry Henderson – resigned after 29 years of service
- Tina Fields – resigned after 2 years of service
- Gary Mears – resigned after 2 years of service

Karen also reported that the following are new members to the DD Council:

- Alex Eldreth – parent/ family member
- Maitri Campbell – person with a disability
- Jill Scannell – Department of Education representative
- Karen Gallagher – person with disability who was reappointed after taking a year off
- Angela Mitchell – parent/ family member

- **Children & Families** – Kristin reported that a meeting was not held this month. The next meeting will be in October where Alex will take over as the Chair of this committee.

- **Policy & Law**

1. Voting 2016 – #DelawareVote provides Delawareans with information on accessibility to voters. If you or someone you know encountered problems when

voting in the Delaware primary election, please complete the Disabilities Law Program (DLP) online survey that will capture these issues and try to resolve them. A problem can also be reported to the Commissioner of Elections as well. A new survey will be available for general election.

2. **ASAN Request** – Ari Ne’eman, President of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network notified us of a federal grant that was available to could help support our mentoring project. Unfortunately ASAN was not chosen as this grant recipient. The SABE organization received the grant.

- **Adult Issues** - Terri Hancharick reported that the committee is currently working with Katie Macklin with the Alzheimers Association to support a project with that organization. 26,000 Delawareans are living with this disease and some of them have Down Syndrome. 95% of those with Down Syndrome begin to show signs of the onset of Alzheimers sometimes as early as in their 30’s. The Adult Issues committee would like to put an ad hoc committee together to start talking about this and how the Council can support this effort. Not many states are doing anything with this. Katie is scheduled to speak at the next Adult Issues meeting.

- **Partners Oversight**

1. **Junior Partners in Policymaking Program 2017** – Pat reported that it is almost time to begin recruitment for the 2017 Junior Partners in Policymaking class. Those accepted in this program must range from ages 15-22. Applications and other information will be ready soon. As it becomes available, it will be shared with all Council members.

2. **Partners 2016** – The Partners in Policymaking adult class graduation will be held this weekend, September 16th and 17th. All of the hard work that these individuals have put into their presentations will be presented this weekend. Please plan to attend if you are able.

3. **Consumer Caucus** – Joseph Merritt stated if any member is uncertain about things discussed in the Council meetings that this committee helps you understand things better.

X. New Business

1. **STAND Presentation by Leslie Hailey/Emmanuel Jenkins** – Leslie Hailey and Emmanuel Jenkins presented information to the Council on what the STAND project is, when it began and where it is today. STAND is the acronym for Stop The Abuse Now Delaware. This project began eight years ago. The DD Council helped fund this project. Nine out of ten people with developmental disabilities will be physically or sexually abused and half of those people will be abused ten or more times. 80-85% of abuse reports of people in institutions never reach the proper authorities. The STAND Project brings together people with disabilities, professionals and community members to work toward reducing the risk of victimization for those with disabilities. This program is taught by people with disabilities. It introduces the topic of abuse through the use of videos, PowerPoint presentations and having group activities.

STAND groups examine how to recognize, report and respond to the five different types of abuse; physical, sexual, neglect, verbal and financial. Resources are given to those to participate to help reduce vulnerability by increasing community participation and strengthening civic partnerships. There is a support group that helps individuals express themselves in ways they may not otherwise have readily available, such as Art Therapy. If you would like to become an Awareness & Action trainer, schedule a class for your group or organization or join a class, please contact Leslie at leslie.hailey@state.de.us or Emmanuel at Emmanuel.jenkins@state.de.us.

2. Disability History Project – Pat stated that the DD Council has been working collaboratively with other agencies to develop a presentation in Delaware. Pat was given a book about Pennhurst in Pennsylvania yesterday. More information will be forthcoming as this project evolves. This is a collaborative effort across many agencies/organizations with a broad disability base.

XI. Other Council Business – There was no other Council business to discuss at this time.

XII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.